(2) *Non-officials.*

4. M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur W. L. Venkataramayya Garu.
5. Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.
6. M.R.Ry. P. T. Kumaraswami Chetti Garu.

(ii) (*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answers to clause (i) above and to question No. 977 (*d*) asked at the meeting of the Council on 31st October 1927.

(*b*) Yes. Please see answer to clause (i). The nomination is made by His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether the Staff Selection Board will be merged into the Public Services Commission ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not know what the hon. Member means by merging. If the Public Services Commission is set up, the Staff Selection Board will of course cease to exist."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire with regard to (ii) (*a*) and (*b*) of this question, without any disrespect to any particular individual, whether it is compatible with the position of an hon. Member of this House under obligation to his constituency that he should be made a member of the Staff Selection Board ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is asking for opinion."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether the Government have considered the difficulty in which an hon. Member of this House is placed by being appointed as a member of the Staff Selection Board ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The difficulty of a Member is not a matter of public concern."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether there are any principles guiding the Government in the matter of making the appointments ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The Government are not making the appointments."

Criminal Settlements

Alleged compulsion of Hindu boys in settlement schools to attend Sunday service, etc.

*1161 *Q.*—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Hindu boys in the settlement schools are registered in Christian names ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the managing bodies of the settlements are making the settlers attend churches on Sundays for service though they are Hindus ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that settlement schools are closed for Michaelmas instead of Dasara ; and

(*d*) what is the amount contributed to each settlement for churches, Hindu temples and mosques by the Government ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) Attendance of Hindus at church service on Sundays is not compulsory.

(c) Like most other schools, the settlement schools are closed for the Michaelmas holidays.

(d) No contribution is made by Government.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" With regard to the answer to clause (a) of this question, I wish to know whether the Government made any enquiry ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The answer has been given after making the enquiry."

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" The answer to clause (b) is that attendance of Hindus at church service on Sundays is not compulsory. I wish to know whether there is any inducement by the masters to the pupils to attend the lectures ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" The answer to clause (c) says that like most other schools, the settlement schools are closed for the Michaelmas holidays. Is it closed in accordance with the desire of the pupils ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice of the question."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Was any notice put up in any prominent place that it is entirely optional to the Hindus ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " They know that it is optional."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Is it a fact that after the settlement was opened there, there have been many conversions from Hinduism to Christianity among the settlers ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Government are not aware of it."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Do the Government know whether there has been any conversion at all ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No."

Mr. P. BHAKTHAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Will the Government enquire ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already replied, Sir."

Labour

Appointment of the District Labour Officer, Malabar.

* 1162 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have appointed a successor to the late Honorary District Labour Officer for Malabar ; if not, when the officer will be appointed ; and